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1. [REDACTED] Called John Martiny, General Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and inquired as to the outcome of the Committee meeting which was scheduled for this morning on S. 1688, the Ervin bill, which protects the constitutional rights of Federal employees. Martiny said the meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 December, however, he doubted that the bill will come up again as it will be too late in the session for any floor action.

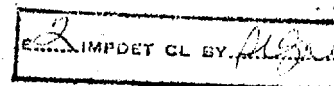
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2. [REDACTED] Called Jim Kronfeld, Counsel, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, House Government Operations Committee, and discussed the vote by the Congress overriding the President's veto of H.R. 12471, which amends the Freedom of Information Act. I referred to the published statement by Subcommittee Chairman Moorhead commenting on the President's veto in which Moorhead had indicated that after the veto was overridden his Subcommittee would hold hearings to review the President's objections and to determine if future amendments to the Freedom of Information Act were needed. Kronfeld said that no hearings are to be held in this session. The Subcommittee, however, recognizes there will be problems and they will exercise close oversight of the implementation of the law by the Executive. He added that the Subcommittee will hold hearings to study any problems early in the next Congress. I also inquired as to the passage today by the House of H.R. 16373, the Right to Privacy Act. I expressed our appreciation to the Chairman, other Committee members and the staff for defeating the Abzug amendment which would have struck the exemption for CIA. Kronfeld said that during the debate, Representatives Holifield, Moorhead and Erlenborn strongly supported the Agency's need for an exemption.

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